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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 25, with:

Figs. 21, 29 and 30 show two plates B and C fastened together with the self-locking bolt 310 to show that the bolt is, by definition as well as appearance, a machine screw. The plate B is provided with a through hole of a diameter greater than the major diameter of the external thread of the self-locking bolt 310 and the plate C is provided with threaded hole having an internal thread formed by tapping and mating with the external thread of the self-locking bolt 310. The bolt is passed through the hole of the plate B and is screwed in the threaded hole of the plate C to fasten the plates B and C together. In the state shown in Fig. 30, the edges 306 of the number n=3 of locking projections 304 formed on the bearing surface 303 are in contact with the upper surface of the plate B. The maximum height h of the edges 306 is nearly equal to or smaller than 1/3 of a the pitch P distance by which the self-locking bolt 310 advances when the same is turned by one full turn in the fastening direction, i.e., P/3. As the self-locking bolt 310 is turned further in the fastening direction form the state shown in Fig. 30, the edges 306 of the locking projections 304 sink gradually in the upper surface of the plate B. The self-locking bolt 310 is turned further until fastening torque applied to the self-locking bolt 310 increases to a predetermined value after the locking projections 304 have completely sunken into the upper surface of the plate B and the bearing surface 303 has come into contact with the upper surface of the plate B.